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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION

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1. ACCORDING TO SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS AND HARBOURS (SAR) ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER FOR PLANNING, ONE OF SAR'S LONG-TERM GOALS IS ELECTRIFICATION OF ALL ITS MAIN LINES, BUT NO RPT NO SUCH PROJECT IS NOW IN THE OFFING. THE SISHEN-SALDANHA RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION (JOHANNESBURG 1368, DEC. 19) IS OF COURSE ON ISCOR RATHER THAN SAR PROJECT.

2. THE SAR OFFICIAL POINTS OUT THAT WITH SAR'S RICHARDS BAY PORT DEVELOPMENT IN NATAL AND THE RAIL LINE BEING BUILT FROM THE TRANSVAAL TO SERVE IT (A TOTAL PROJECT LARGER THAN ISCOR'S SISHEN-SALDANHA SCHEME), THE NEW DURBAN-JOHANNESBURG OIL PIPE-LINE PROJECT (JOHANNESBURG 36), EXPANSION AND RENOVATION PLANS OF SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS (WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY SAR), AND VARIOUS LESSER RAILROAD RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY, SAR DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES ARE BEING STRETCHED TO THE LIMIT. ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF SAR'S ENTIRE ROUTES ARE ALREADY ELECTRIFIED.

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